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DR. LAKSHMI SESHADRI RETIRES



Dr. Lakshmi Seshadri, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology retired on October 20, 2011 after over three decades of committed service to the institution. Dr. Lakshmi completed her undergraduate medical studies from the Coimbatore Medical College in 1975. She had a brilliant academic record, culminating in her graduating as the best outgoing student of her college. Dr. Lakshmi joined the department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology in CMC for her M.D. in 1977, following which she has been on the faculty of the department. She was head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology Unit II between 1993 and 2004 and head of the department from 2001 to 2004.

Dr. Lakshmi had a special interest in gynaecological cancer for which she received specialised training from some of the best centres in the world, including Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Centre (New York), Johns Hopkins University Hospital (Baltimore) and St. Bartholomew's Hospital (London). Following this training, Dr. Lakshmi developed protocols and organised gynaecologic oncology clinics and the weekly gynae cancer conferences with the departments of Radiation Oncology, Medical Oncology and Pathology. She has been actively involved in several research projects, many of them as the principal investigator. Her text book 'Essentials of Gynaecology' and numerous publications in journals and textbooks speak volumes of her academic and clinical

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

Colossians 3 : 17

Holy Bible (New International Version)

Special Prayers : October 23 - 29, 2011

Radiodiagnosis : Dr. Sridhar Gibikote and Staff
Mr. T.S. Ravi Kumar and Staff

United Methodist Church of America

Council Member : Dr. A. Roop Kumar

Methodist Church Overseas Division, U.K.

International Service Fellowship (Interserve)

Council Members : Dr. M.C. Mathew
Mr. Hansraj Jain

Sunday Services : October 30, 2011

06:00 pm : **College Chapel**
Dr. Vinay Oommen
(DJ Hostel Special Service)

06:30 pm : **Hospital Chapel**
Rev. Vanlalpeka

Days to remember :

United Nations Day - October 24
World Occupational Therapy Day - October 27

Memoranda :

Dr. John C. Muthusami, Associate Director (Administration) will be Incharge of the day to day functioning of the Missions Office in the Directorate with effect from October 17, 2011 till January 31, 2012.

Dr. Reena Mary George, Professor of Radiotherapy is appointed Incharge of Archives with effect from October 17, 2011 for a period of four years.

Obituary :

Mr. Rathnam, father of Mrs. Jony Banerji, Department of Medicine and father-in-law of Dr. John Banerji, Urology - I, on October 15, 2011.

Our prayers and condolences to the members of the bereaved family.

Upcoming Event :

NABH Final Inspection on October 31, November 1 and 2, 2011.

abilities. She was a popular speaker at conferences and CMEs, and over the course of her career had been invited to give several orations. Teaching was Dr. Lakshmi's passion and generations of undergraduate and postgraduate students will testify to her being a teacher par excellence.

Dr. Lakshmi also served the institution in several other capacities. She was the Deputy Director for the Ida Scudder Centenary Project (1999-2001), chairperson of the Purchase Committee and Committee for Women's Issues among others.



Besides her achievements in academics, medicine and research, Dr. Lakshmi has been a much loved mentor, guide and counsellor. Her warmth, graciousness and kindness have enriched many lives. With her interest in the performing arts, she demonstrated her versatility and diverse interests.

A CME was conducted by the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology on October 15, 2011 to honour Dr. Lakshmi Seshadri. The function began with a prayer by Dr. Jessie Lionel, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, who gave thanks for the life and contributions of Dr. Lakshmi Seshadri. Felicitations were offered by the Director, Dr. Suranjan Bhattacharji, Dr. Alice George, Professor and Head of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Mrs. Alice Augustine, Professor and Head of Maternity Nursing, Dr. Aruna Kekre, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Dr. Vinotha, Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. This was followed by three lectures- '*Recurrent pregnancy loss*' by Dr. Gita Arjun (Chennai), '*Placenta accreta*' by Dr. V.P. Paily (Thrissur) and '*Life after ASTEC and PORTEC*' by Dr. Abraham Peedicayil, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. The CME was well attended by staff and students from CMC as well as members of the Vellore Obstetric and Gynaecologic Society.

Dr. Lakshmi Seshadri's husband, Dr. M.S. Seshadri recently retired as Professor and Head of the Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism. Their two children, Divya and Dhruva, are both engineers.

The institution expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Dr. Lakshmi Seshadri for all these years of dedicated service and wishes her God's abundant blessings for the future.

APT STATE CONFERENCE 2011

The Department of Physiology organised the fifth Annual State Conference of the Association of Physiologists of Tamil Nadu (APTCO – 2011) on October 7 and 8, 2011. Nearly 280 delegates attended the conference which was inaugurated by Dr. Gagandeep Kang, Vice Principal (Research). The invited speakers at the conference included Dr. Preeti G. Joshi, Professor and Head, Department of Biophysics, NIMHANS, Bangalore; Dr. Prathap Tharyan, Director, South Asian Cochrane Network and Centre; Dr. B.S. Shankaranarayana Rao, Additional Professor, Department of Neurophysiology, NIMHANS, Bangalore; Dr. K. Ravi, Professor and Head, Department of Physiology, V. P. Chest Institute, Delhi and Dr. Mario Vaz, Professor, Department of Physiology, St. John's Medical College, Bangalore. In addition, there were 52 oral presentations and 16 posters.



SECOND ANNUAL RESEARCH DAY

CMC's second **Annual Research Day** was held on October 10, 2011. The programme involved students and faculty highlighting the research activities of their departments. The quality and quantity of research in many fields seen in the display of 106 posters from participating departments showed the commitment and enthusiasm of both students and staff across many disciplines. The attendees interacted with poster presenters and other researchers. The breadth and depth of ongoing research in the institution are remarkable and emphasise the 'spirit of enquiry' in our mission statement.



The poster presentations were followed by talks given by Dr. Thomas Samuel Ram, Associate Professor, Department of Radiotherapy (*A comparative study to evaluate the efficacy of On Board Imaging with Cone Beam CT using target registration in patients with lung tumors undergoing Stereotactic Body Radiation Therapy (SBRT) and comparison with Exactrac using skeletal registration on Novalis Tx*), Dr. Vigil James, PG Registrar, Department of Child Health (*Incidence of adverse drug reactions associated with ciprofloxacin in neonates*), Dr. (Mrs.) S.D. Manoranjitham, Professor, Department of Psychiatric Nursing (*Studies on suicide*), Dr. Mazda Turel, PG Registrar, Department of Neurological Sciences (*Effect of pre-treatment with a tyrosine kinase inhibitor (PPI) on brain oedema and neurological function in an automated cortical cryoinjury model in mice*), Dr. Thomas V. Paul, Associate Professor, Department of Endocrinology, Diabetes and Metabolism (*Risk factors for femoral neck fractures in post menopausal women*) and Dr. Rohit Bhide, Research Officer, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (*Non-invasive estimation of changes in muscle properties following exercise*). The event concluded with the distribution of prizes for the best posters.

The **First prize** for best poster went to Dr. D.J. Christopher (Professor, Department of Pulmonary Medicine), Ms. Kasthuri N. (Research Scholar, Department of Biochemistry), Dr. Sudha Jasmine (Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine), Dr. Anisa Begum (Associate Research Officer, Department of Medicine), Dr. Pooja Ramakant (Assistant Professor, Department of Endocrine Surgery) and Ms. Sangeetha Hareendran (Junior Research Fellow, Centre for Stem Cell Research).

The **Second prize** went to Dr. Mazda Turel (PG Registrar, Department of Neurological Sciences), Dr. G. Basu (Associate Professor, Department of Nephrology), Dr. Anand V. (PG Registrar, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation), Dr. Anuradha Chandramohan (Assistant Professor, Department of Radiology), Ms. Abitha Sukumaran (Senior Research Fellow, Department of Biochemistry), Ms. Savitha Varatharajan (Senior Research Fellow, Department of Haematology), Ms. Thressi Maxwell (Junior Research Fellow, Department of Neurochemistry Laboratory) and Mr. Mark Francis, (Research Assistant, The Wellcome Trust Research Laboratory).

The **Third prize** went to Dr. Naman Hirenkumar Shah (PG Registrar, Department of Pharmacology), Dr. Santhosh George Thomas (Assistant Professor, Department of Neurological Sciences), Dr. R.Rajalakshmi (PG Registrar, Department of Physiology), Dr. Gayathri Deshpande (Assistant Professor, Department of General Surgery), Dr. Rohit Bhide (Research Officer, Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation) and Mrs. Shanthi Johnson, (Lecturer, Department of Psychiatric Nursing).

WORKSHOP ON EARLY MANAGEMENT OF TRAUMA



The 33rd workshop on Early Management of Trauma (EMTC) was conducted by the Department of Emergency Medicine from October 6 to 8, 2011. A total of twenty eight delegates from different parts of the country attended the course. This session was special as four observers from the Ministry of Health, Government of India as well as the Director

General of Health Services, India were present for the programme.

Started in 1997, EMTC is an indigenous programme conceptualised, developed and validated by Christian Medical College, and is, in fact, the first structured training programme for the early management of trauma in India. This course is designed to provide hands-on experience in prioritisation and early management of trauma. It comprises of lectures, scenarios and skill-stations on various aspects of trauma evaluation and management.

SPORTS NEWS



The prize distribution for the staff Table Tennis tournament was held on October 14, 2011. Dr. Sujith Chandy, Head of Pharmacy Services distributed prizes to the winners.

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| Winner (Singles) | - Mr. Henry Rajendran (Supervisor, Outpatient Pharmacy) |
| Runnerup (Singles) | - Mr. P.K. Selvakumar (Electrical Department) |
| Winner (Doubles) | - Mr. Daniel Jayacharan and Mr. P.K. Selvakumar (Electrical Department) |
| Runnerup (Doubles) | - Mr. Henry Rajendran (Supervisor, Outpatient Pharmacy) and Mr. J.J. Rufus (Sr. MCTT, OPD Services) |

SITUATIONS VACANT

1. (a) Asst. Professor Gr.II with M.D. (Psychiatry) for the Department of Psychiatry Unit –II

Salary scale : Rs.18,600-720-36,600/-. Accommodation provided (subject to availability).

(b) Tutor (Diploma) with DPM for the Department of Psychiatry Unit –II

Salary : Rs.21,218/- (Consolidated). Accommodation provided (subject to availability).

Apply with bio-data, certificates and testimonial copies with contact phone number, e-mail ID and address to the Principal, Christian Medical College, Bagayam, Vellore - 632 002 or by e-mail princi@cmcvellore.ac.in on or before **November 04, 2011** for Items 1(a) and 1(b).

2. Junior Gr. Dietitian for the Dietary Department

Qualifications : B.Sc. in Dietetics / Food and Nutrition or Home Science with PG Diploma in Dietetics.

Salary scale : Rs.3,960-135-7,335/- + DA and HRA as per rules. Age limit : 30 years.

Job description : To provide nutritional care for patients.

Application form available at www.home.cmcvellore.ac.in Link : "Vacancies". Icon : "General Application Form".

Apply with biodata, photograph, certificates and testimonial copies to the Medical Superintendent, Christian Medical College, Vellore - 632 004 on or before **November 07, 2011** for Item 2.

3. Junior Engineer Gr. IV

Qualification : Diploma in Electronics and Communication Engineering (D.E.C.E.).

Salary scale : Rs.3,720-110-6,470/- with 114% D.A. and 12% H.R.A. of the basic salary.

Application form and job description are available at www.home.cmcvellore.ac.in Link : "Vacancies".

Icon : "General Applications". Apply with xerox copies of all certificates to the Personnel Manager, Personnel Department, Christian Medical College, Ida Scudder Road, Vellore - 632 004 on or before **November 07, 2011** for Item 3.